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SUBJ: STATE SECURITY OFFICAL LIND IMPLICATED IN FALTERMEIER
SPY CASE

REF: STUTTGART'S 0763 OF SEP 3,74

1. SUMMARY. A KEY SENIOR OFFICIAL, OBERAMTSRAT ADOLF
LIND OF THE BADEN-WUERTTEMBERG OFFICE FOR THE PROTEC-
TION OF THE CONSTITUTION (LANDESAMT FUER VERFASSUNGS-
SCHUTZ/LFV) HAS BEEN CHARGED WITH HAVING WARNED TRADE
UNION OFFICIAL HANS-MARTIN FALTERMEIER OF HIS IMPEND-
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ING ARREST FOR ALLEGED ESPIONAGE ACTIVITIES FOR THE

EAST GERMAN SECURITY SERVICE. BOTH FALTERMEIER AND LIND ARE OLD SPD COLLEAGUES, AND PARTY INFLUENCE IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN AN IMPORTANT FACTOR IN TRYING TO PROMOTE LIND'S LFV CAREER. LIND HAS BEEN SUSPENDED PENDING FURTHER INVESTIGATION. IN STRESSING THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE CHARGES, FEDERAL JUSTICE MINISTER VOGEL HAS ASKED TO BE KEPT INFORMED OF PROGRESS IN THE CASE. END SUMMARY.

2. THE FEDERAL COURT HAS CHARGED THAT A KEY OFFICIAL, OBERANTSRAT ADOLF LIND, OF THE BADEN-WUERTEMBERG LANDESAMT FUER VERFASSUNGSSCHUTZ/LFV WARNED PUBLIC SERVICE, TRANSPORT, AND TRAFFIC TRADE UNION OETV OFFICIAL FALTERMEIER OF HIS IMPENDING ARREST ON SPY CHARGES. THIS INFORMATION WAS DEVELOPED IN THE COURSE OF THE LIND AND FALTERMEIER HAD LONG BEEN ACTIVE IN THE SPD, AND PARTY INFLUENCE IS THOUGHT TO HAVE BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN BRINGING LIND INTO THE LFV AND TRYING TO PROMOTE HIS CAREER, FORMER BADEN-WUERTEMBERG JUSTICE MINISTER DR. RUDOLF SCHIELER (SPD) IS ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN AMONG LIND'S PATRONS. THE 59 YEAR OLD LIND, WHO HAS BEEN WITH THE LFV FOR ABOUT 20 YEARS, HAD ONCE SERVED AS SECTION CHIEF INFORMATION COLLECTION FOR THE LFV, AND AT THE TIME OF HIS SUSPENSION WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR LIAISON WITH INDIVIDUAL DGB UNIONS. HE ALSO IS AN OETV FUNCTIONARY.

3. DESPITE THE CLEAR IMPRESSION CONVEYED BY PRESS ACCOUNTS THAT LIND'S WARNING TO FALTERMEIER WAS A CONSCIOUS AND DELIBERATE ACT, THERE IS STILL SOME UNCERTAINTY AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THIS WAS ACTUALLY THE CASE. LIND HAS HAD A DRINKING PROBLEM AND RECENTLY LOST HIS DRIVER'S LICENCE BECAUSE OF IT. THERE ARE REPORTS, HOWEVER, THAT LIND'S WARNING GAVE FALTERMEIER ENOUGH TIME TO DESTROY INCRIMINATING EVIDENCE.

4. FEDERAL MINISTER OF JUSTICE VOGEL (SPD) EXPRESSED HIS INTEREST AND STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE AFFAIR IN A LETTER TO BADEN-WUERTEMBERG INTERIOR MINISTER SCHIESS (CDU) AND ASKED TO BE KEPT IN-CONFIDENTIAL

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FORMED. THE LATTER HAS PROMISED TO PROCEED AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE WITH A FULL INVESTIGATION.

COMMENT: COMING IN THE WAKE OF THE GUILLAUME AFFAIR, THE LAST THING THE SPD NEEDS NOW IS ANOTHER MAJOR SPY SCANDAL. THE UPCOMING ELECTION (NOVEMBER 10) OF A LORD MAYOR FOR STUTTGART NOTWITHSTANDING, THE BADEN-WUERTEMBERG SPD DOES NOT HAVE ANY MAJOR ELECTORAL CONTESTS ON

THE HORIZON AND THUS SHOULD BE ABLE TO RIDE OUT WHAT-
EVER STORM IS CREATED BY THE FALTERMEIER/LIND AFFAIR.
ANOTHER POTENTIAL VICTIM OF THE FALTERMEIER/LIND AFFAIR
IS THE LFV WHICH, FOR THE SECOND TIME IS JUST OVER A
YEAR, IS AGAIN UNDER A CLOUD. IN THE SUMMER
OF 1973, THE LFV PRESIDENT AND HIS DEPUTY LOST THEIR
JOBS AS A RESULT OF THE STEINER AFFAIR. THE LATEST
DEVELOPMENT, DEPENDING ON THE RESULTS OF THE INVESTI-
GATION, IS LIKELY TO FURTHER ERODE PUBLIC CONFIDENCE
IN BADEN-WUERTTEMBERG'S HIGHEST SECURITY ORGANIZATION.
LOCAL TRADE UNION LEADERS ARE UNDERSTANDABLY EMBAR-
RASSED BY WHAT HAS HAPPENED SO FAR. WHILE BOTH FAL-
TERMEIER AND LIND HELD KEY POSITIONS, IT IS NOT YET
KNOW WHETEHER AND TO WHAT EXTENT THEIR ACTIVITIES
FOCUSED SPECIFICALLY ON THE USG ROLE IN THE FRG.
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